

***Remarks***

Reconsideration of this Application is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-4, 8-61 and 66-80 are pending in the application, with 1, 9, 16, 26, 35, 45, 46, 48, 52, 53, 54, 56, 58, 60 and 61 being the independent claims. The Examiner rejected claims 35-45, 54-61, 68, 70 and 73 under 35 U.S.C. § 101 as being directed to non-statutory subject matter.

Applicants amended independent claims 35, 45, 54, 56, 58, 60, and 61 in their previous reply filed April 17, 2006, to overcome the pending § 101 rejection after consulting with the Examiner. Nevertheless, the Examiner has maintained his rejection of these claims. A telephone conference was conducted between the Examiner and the undersigned on July 13, 2006. The Examiner agreed that the previous amendment placed the claims in condition for allowance. Applicants therefore respectfully request that the rejection be withdrawn and that claims 35-45, 54-57, 60, 61, 68, 70 and 73 be passed to allowance.

***Conclusion***

All of the stated grounds rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicants therefore respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider all presently outstanding rejections and that they be withdrawn. Applicants believe that a full and complete reply has been made to the outstanding Office Action and, as such, the present application is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number provided.

Prompt and favorable consideration of this Reply is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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